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# Community *notes*

## Office of Transportation Seeks Feedback

The public is welcome to offer feedback as the Howard County Office of Transportation finalizes details of the [Transit Development Plan](#) (TDP). The TDP planning process identifies public and specialized transportation needs of the service area, analyzes the performance of existing transit services, explores alternatives for improving services and recommends an implementation plan. A series of public meetings are scheduled this fall and in 2017, during which the community has the opportunity to provide valuable commentary regarding proposed transportation plans for Central Maryland.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive,  
Columbia/Ellicott City Room in Ellicott City
- Thursday, October 20, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom  
Road, Chesapeake Rooms I & II in Laurel
- Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Gateway Building, 6751 Gateway Drive, Charles I. Ecker  
Business Training Center, 1st Floor, Room 6 in Columbia

If you would like to provide comments but are unable to attend the meetings, please contact the project managers with KFH Group: Fred Fravel at 301-951-8550 or via [email](#), or Jill Stober at 301-951-8660 or via [email](#).

An interpreter is available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Please submit interpreter requests seven working days prior to the meeting by calling the Department of Community Resources and Services at 410-313-6400 (voice) or use Relay at 7-1-1.

## Greetings

Autumn is in full swing, bringing with it cooler temperatures and just a hint of the beautiful fall foliage to come. In this issue, I've included several ways to enjoy the season.

Have a great week.

*May Kay*

## Party in the Pit

On Friday, October 14, a special [Party in the Pit](#) benefit concert raises funds for Historic Ellicott City. Enjoy the sounds of the Doug Segree Band, 1Nite Stand, Charm City Devils, and Nine Days from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Merriweather Post Pavilion (10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia).



One hundred percent of the proceeds from the concert benefit the Ellicott City Partnership. Many residents and business owners were displaced after a flash flood on Saturday, July 30 caused massive destruction in Ellicott City. The concert proceeds will be used to help rebuild Main Street and expedite the return of community members to their homes and businesses. Special guests at the concert include Senator Gail Bates, Delegate Bob Flanagan, County Executive Allan Kittleman, and Councilpersons Jon Weinstein and Greg Fox.

[Tickets](#) are now available. Optional VIP amenities can be purchased at additional cost. These extras include an exclusive reception, VIP parking, access to the Pit area in front of the main stage, and an open bar.

## Wellness Programs at HCGH

The Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) [Wellness Center](#) provides outreach and education to the Howard County community. Located right near the hospital in the new Medical Pavilion (10710 Charter Drive, Suite 100, Columbia), the Wellness Center offers a wide range of classes, screenings and fitness programs. For more information, they can be reached at 410-740-7601.

### Childbirth and New Parent Education

The Wellness Center offers detailed instruction and guidance to help individuals prepare for labor and delivery as well as post partum expectations and care. Additionally, prenatal programs provide nutrition and healthy pregnancy information and subsequent classes are available on helpful child-rearing topics, such as infant massage, soothing a crying baby and positive parenting. Details about childbirth and new parent classes are available [online](#).



### Health Screenings

In a vast majority of diseases, patients fare better when the disease is detected early. The Wellness Center provides a number of [screenings](#) to determine if a person is at risk for such things as high blood pressure, various types of cancer, mental health issues and diabetes.

## Drug Take Back Day

HC DrugFree welcomes all to participate in their upcoming [Drug Take Back Day](#) on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your expired and unwanted medications and "sharps" (needles, syringes, and EpiPens) to HC DrugFree's office in the Wilde Lake Village Center (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia). For more information, call 443-325-0040 or [email](#) HC DrugFree. Howard County has several permanent medication disposal boxes at the following locations: the Northern District Station (3410 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City), the Southern District Station (11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel), and the Gary Arthur Community Center (2400 Route 97, Cooksville).

## Health Care Career Opportunities

The Columbia Workforce Center hosts a recruitment event on Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D. Applicants should wear professional attire and bring copies of their résumé. Register in advance [online](#). For more information, contact [Terese Reamer](#) at 410-290-2645.

## KidSpace Healthy Hero Fun Run/Walk

On Saturday, October 15, join Columbia Association's [Healthy Hero Fun Run/Walk](#) from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. Enjoy a stroller-friendly 1.5 mile race that ends with giveaways, face painting, balloons, music, snacks and beverages (while supplies last). Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite hero.

## Columbia Town Center Yard Sale

The Town Center Community Association is pleased to announce its fall [yard sale](#) on Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Guests are welcome to browse for hidden treasures at Vantage Point Road Park (5453 Vantage Point Road, Columbia).



## 12th Annual Jazz at the Lake Concert

The 12th annual Jazz at the Lake concert takes place on Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. This fun jazz celebration features Mike Rodriguez on trumpet at the Jim Rouse Theatre (5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia). Mr. Rodriguez, who has toured with Quincy Jones, the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band and Harry Connick, Jr., performs with Alex Brown on piano, Zach Brown on bass and Ludwig Afonso on drums. The award-winning Wilde Lake High School Jazz Ensemble opens the show, and performs one piece with the guest artists. Tickets are available [online](#) or at the door. For more information, [email](#) or call 410-997-2070.

## Celebrating Columbia's 50th Birthday

Columbia turns fifty in 2017. As part of the birthday festivities, Columbia Association (CA) and other community organizations plan on planting 50,000 yellow daffodils around town this fall. You can join in on the birthday fun by planting bulbs in your neighborhood. CA provides free bulbs (up to 250 per project) on a first come-first served basis while supplies last, and you supply the tools and labor.



The ideal planting time is from early October through mid-December. If you are interested, please contact Columbia Association Landscape Services at 410-381-0312 to arrange pickup.

## Life Underground: The Importance of Soil Biology

It's a wild world down there! The Howard County League of Women Voters hosts [Life Underground](#) on Tuesday, October 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Oakland Manor (5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia). Join Dr. Sara Via as she discusses the huge impact subterranean organisms have on plant growth and stress resistance. Discover how building good soil health is essential for food production, and learn how to take part in the process. For more information, contact Betsy Singer at 410-730-7740.

## Household Hazardous Waste Days

The Department of Environmental Services reminds residents that [Household Hazardous Waste](#) (HHW) collection days at Alpha Ridge Landfill are Saturdays only from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through November. If you have chemicals, rechargeable batteries, insecticides, paint, solvents, transmission fluids, etc. that you want to safely dispose of, do so by November 26, 2016. Alpha Ridge Landfill is located at 2350 Marriottsville Road in Marriottsville. For more information, please contact Environmental Services at 410-313-6444.

## Wilde Halloween 2016

The Wilde Lake Village Center offers an afternoon of spooky fun for the whole family. Join the [Wilde Halloween 2016](#) at Slayton House (10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia) on Friday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m. Dress up in costume, enjoy a puppet show, and then trick-or-treat in the Village Center. Contact the Slayton House (410-730-3987) or reserve tickets [online](#).



## Networking Event on Youth Resources

The Youth Development Coalition of Howard County invites you to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Networking Event on Tuesday, October 18 at the Howard County Library System, Miller Branch. This day brings together organizations and individuals serving Howard County youth ages six and up. [Register Now!](#)

The schedule for the day:

9:30 - 10:00	Registration, resource tables
10:00 - 11:00	Presentations
11:00 - 11:10	Networking Break
11:00 - 12:00	Presentations

## Annual "Living the Dream" Award

Do you know an individual and organization (community, civic or religious) that has promoted the teachings and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through community involvement in Howard County? If so, nominate them today for Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission's annual "Living the Dream" Award. Eligible individual nominees must be residents or employees in Howard County, and organizations must be located in the county.



The deadline to submit your nomination is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18. For eligibility requirements and a nomination

form, [email](#) Farheen Sheik or contact the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6430. The award and cash prize of \$300 are presented to the winner at the Commission's 32nd Annual Commemorative Holiday Celebration on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at Long Reach High School (6101 Old Dobbin Lane, Columbia). The reception will begin at 2:00 p.m., and the awards program will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## County Board Seeks New Member

The [Adult Public Guardianship Review Board](#) seeks a Howard County resident who is a licensed physician to become a member of the Board. The candidate must be able to attend the Board's quarterly meetings. Submit your letter of interest and resume to [David Lee](#) by Friday, October 28, 2016.

## Upcoming Events

### HCPSS Community 5K and Fun Run

**Sunday, October 16, 8:00 a.m.**

Gateway Business Park

7001 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Join Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students, families, and staff to celebrate health and wellness at the HCPSS's third annual Let's Go HoCo - [HCPSS Community 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run](#). [Registration](#) is available online.

### Culture Fest

**Sunday, October 16, 1:30—4:30 p.m.**

**Howard County Library System's Miller Branch**

9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

The Columbia Association hosts this free, family-friendly [cultural festival](#) focusing on Central American and Mexican musicians, dancers, exhibitors and food vendors. Guests are invited to enjoy an afternoon of music and dance.

### Reconnecting with Earth

**Wednesday, October 19, 7:00—9:00 p.m.**

**Oliver's Carriage House**

5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia, MD 21044

Join an [introduction meeting](#) to explore how cultural beliefs affect the way we view and treat the Earth. Regular meetings are on Wednesdays through December 7.

### HopeWorks' Support Group

HopeWorks holds a [weekly support group](#) every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for women who are experiencing or have recently experienced emotional, sexual, and/or physical abuse from an intimate partner violence. For more information or to register, call 410-997-0304 and ask to speak with an advocate about participation.

### CandleKids Performance

**Sunday, October 23, 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.**

**Howard Community College Smith Theatre**

10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044

Kids and adults alike are invited to watch and revel in "Hot Strings and Flying Feet" by the Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble. Tickets can be purchased [online](#).



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